

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a carrying member for bearing and carrying toner image; and

5 a plurality of image forming means arranged along said carrying member;

wherein each of said plurality of image forming means includes an image bearing body, developing means for developing latent image on said image bearing body by toner, and cleaning means for effecting cleaning of
10 toner on said image bearing body,

wherein the toner image on said image bearing body is transferred to said carrying member side,

wherein toner on said carrying member is collected by said cleaning means via said image bearing body, and
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wherein a volume of cleaning means of first image forming means of said plurality of image forming means to contain toner is larger than a volume of cleaning means of other image forming means to contain toner.

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2. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first image forming means is arranged on the most upstream side in a carrying direction of said carrying member among said plurality of image forming means.
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3. An image forming apparatus according to Claim

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1, wherein toner of said developing means of said first image forming means is in black color.

4. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first image forming means is arranged on the most downstream side in a carrying direction of said carrying member among said plurality of image forming means.

5. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said cleaning means of said first image forming means is arranged on a downstream side of said image bearing body of said first image forming means in the carrying direction of said carrying member.

6. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the cleaning of the toner on said carrying member is effected from said first image forming means among said plurality of image forming means.

7. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the toner on said carrying member is an image used for detecting a density of toner image or for detecting a position.

8. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said carrying member bears the toner image

via a recording material and carries the recording material having the toner image borne thereon.

5 9. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said carrying member bears the toner image directly, and the toner image is transferred to a recording material after being carried.

10 10. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developing means of said plurality of image forming means are provided with toner of different colors, respectively.

15 11. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cartridge containing at least said image bearing body and said cleaning means, wherein said cartridge is detachably attachable to a main body of said apparatus.

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